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Klosterneuburg.

1. The Pionier Kaserne in Klosterneuburg (O 49/S 30) was occupied to capacity on 27 December 1950. A small group of soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets left the installation for field training. High piles of logs were observed at the western side of the billeting area. Truck [redacted] driven by a soldier with red-bordered black epaulets, hauled logs to the installation. Trucks [redacted] driven by soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, left the Pionier Kaserne. 25X1
2. Only soldiers wearing overalls were seen in the former Pionierzeugmeisterei (engineer ordnance depot). No armored vehicles or heavy weapons were parked in the yard. Trucks [redacted] were standing in the yard. About 45 soldiers with rifles were drilling nearby. 25X1
3. The doors of the garage on Albrechtsgasse, opposite building No 34, were closed. Sentries wore red-bordered black epaulets. Jeep [redacted] and motor vehicles [redacted] the drivers of which wore red-bordered black epaulets, shuttled between the garage and the Soviet Army quarters in Korneuburg. 25X1
4. Trucks [redacted] were parked in front of the naval garage; eight other trucks were inside the garage. Thirteen sailors carrying books and notes entered the naval radio station west of the Klosterneuburg-Weidling railroad station. Four officers with the rank of army captains were identified there. 25X1
5. The former factory installation, the windows of which had been boarded up to half their height, was guarded by naval personnel. [redacted] the installation was a storage depot. 25X1
6. Little activity was seen at the naval barracks and the Donauwarte quarters.
7. A vessel of the Danube Flotilla was berthed in Kuchelauer Harbor. (1)

Baden.

8. The garages of the Flak Kaserne on the Baden (O 49/X 37)-Soos (O 49/X 36) road

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were heavily occupied on 19 December. Heavy vehicular traffic was observed. Jeep [] trucks [] and tank truck [] were seen there. A subterranean fuel dump was located at the west side of the billeting area. Two antenna systems with cage aerials were also in the billeting area.

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9. The Doblhof Castle quartered soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets. About 10 to 20 trucks were parked in the castle yard. Passenger car [] entered the billeting area, driven by a soldier with black-bordered black epaulets.

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10. A hospital was still in the buildings at 98 and 100 Helenenthal. Ambulance [] and jeep [] were parked in the yard.

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11. The Helenenthalhof boarding house quartered soldiers who wore black-bordered black epaulets. Twenty-three trucks were seen there. A small fuel dump was guarded by soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets. Trucks [] small trucks [] passenger car [] and jeep [] entered or left the quarters; all vehicles were driven by soldiers who wore black-bordered black epaulets. (2)

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Bad Fischau.

12. On 21 December, the former Kurhaus (spa hotel) in Bad Fischau (O 48/X 34), which had been converted into a barracks installation, and six adjacent wooden barracks buildings were heavily occupied by troops wearing black-bordered red epaulets. The total strength was estimated at one battalion. About 100 troops were drilling in the area south of the Woellersdorf Plant and north of the Fischabach (brook), which flows east of Bad Fischau. [] this training area was the permanent drill field of the unit stationed in the barracks installation. At noon, several officers carrying pamphlets drove from the billeting area to Wiener Neustadt. Soldiers of a platoon that marched through the town wore black-bordered red epaulets. Motor vehicle [] left the barracks installation.

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13. A small fuel dump containing barrels was at the former Spa hotel north of the Bad Fischau railroad station. Four tank trucks were in a garage directly southwest of the railroad station. Soldiers who wore black-bordered red epaulets entered the garage. (3)

Wiener Neustadt.

14. A camp of about eight wooden buildings was located on the western edge of Wiener Neustadt (O 48/X 74), at the north side of Weikersdorferstrasse, about 1 km west of a point where the road forks to Bad Fischau and Weikersdorf (O 48/X 24). The buildings seemed to be new. Some soldiers doing close-order drill, and 15 trucks of American types and four AT guns with small limbers were observed in the camp. (4)

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Comments.

- (1) The information does not indicate any essential changes at the posts since the last report of 16 November []
- (2) The situation was unchanged since last report of 22 November []
- (3) About 50 soldiers were reported to have been quartered in Bad Fischau in September 1949. Further information is needed to determine the actual strength and assignment of the troops stationed there.
- (4) The cantonment was reported for the first time.

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